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1. SUMMARY: DCM SCHNEIDER CALLED ON ACTING DIRECTOR FOR UN AFFAIRS SOOD ON AUGUST 29 TO ASK FOR A NEGATIVE INDIAN VOTE ON THE PUERTO RICAN RESOLUTION. SOOD SAID HE HAD RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE INDIAN MISSION TO WHICH HE WOULD REPLY THAT NIGHT BUT HE GAVE NO IDEA OF WHAT THOSE INSTRUCTIONS MIGHT BE. END SUMMARY

2. SCHNEIDER REPEATED OUR APPRECIATION FOR INDIAN ABSTENTION ON THE QUESTION OF HEARING PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE LEADERS AND REMINDED SOOD OF FOREIGN SECRETARY KEWAL SINGH'S ASSURANCE TO US THAT THE GOI RECOGNIZED THE VALIDITY OF OUR POSITION AND WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD TO HELP. HE REPORTED THAT EFFORTS IN NEW YORK TO WORK OUT A SATISFACTORY COMPROMISE RESOLUTION HAD FAILED. COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION CONTAINING
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LANGUAGE INSULTING TO PUERTO RICANS AND THE U.S. WOULD BE PLACED

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BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON AUGUST 30. WE REGARDED THIS RESOLUTION AS GROSS
INTERFERENCE IN U.S. AND PUERTO RICAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
WE ASKED THAT INDIA INSTRUCT ITS UN MISSION TO VOTE NO ON THIS RESOLUTION.

3. SOOD REPORTED THAT THE INDIAN MISSION IN NEW YORK HAD TELEXED THE STATE OF PLAY THERE AND THE LANGUAGE OF THE RE-SOLUTION OVER THE PREVIOUS NIGHT. NEW YORK HAD ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS. SOOD SAID HE WOULD BE GETTING A REPLY BACK THIS EVENING BUT DID NOT SAY WHAT IT WOULD BE. HE PROMISED TO LET US KNOW ON THE MORNING OF THE 30TH DELHI TIME WHAT THOSE INSTRUCTIONS WERE. IF HE DELIVERS WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO INFORM USUN BY THE OPENING OF BUSINESS IN NEW YORK AUGUST 30.

4. COMMENT: IT WILL BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE INDIANS TO VOTE NO ON THIS ISSUE THAT FOR THEM TO ABSTAIN AS THEY DID ON THE PREVIOUS VOTE. MUCH IS LIKELY TO DEPEND UPON HOW OTHER MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROADERS LINE UP. WE DOUBT THAT INDIA WILL GO FARTHER THAN ABSTENTION, BUT WE BELIEVE WE CAN COUNT ON ABSTENTION. THIS ITSELF, AS USUN HAS POINTED OUT, REPRESENTS A HELPFUL CHANGE OF POSITION.
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